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COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

Third Session

Rome, 7 – 11 April 2008

Information provided by the Montreal Protocol

Agenda Item 7.4 of the Provisional Agenda

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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

Our reference: Oz.Sec/IPPC/MS/nn

28 February 2008

Dear Mr. Kenmore,

Subject: Third Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures, Rome, Italy, 07-11 April 2008

Thank you for your letter of 24 January 2008, inviting the Ozone Secretariat to participate in the Third Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures, Rome 7-11 April 2008.

In view of the on-going, fruitful cooperation between our Secretariats on issues related to methyl bromide, we would certainly be interested in participating in your meeting. However, this year, our schedule of work does not enable us to be at your meeting.

With regard to activities of the Ozone Secretariat in 2007 that are relevant to the IPPC, we have the following to report:

- (i) The Ozone and the IPPC Secretariat agreed to work together in areas of mutual concern (paragraph 20, UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/27/5 – a meeting document for the 27th Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, June 2007);
- (ii) The Parties to the Montreal Protocol, at the Twenty Seventh Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (June 2007) encouraged the continued cooperation between the Montreal Protocol and the IPPC; and
- (iii) As a concrete product of our fruitful cooperation during 2007, the Ozone and the IPPC Secretariats prepared a joint brochure on "Methyl Bromide: Quarantine and Pre-shipment Uses": this brochure was distributed at the 19th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol last year in September.

I would now like to take this opportunity to request for information from your Secretariat on the progress with the draft standard on alternatives to methyl bromide. Through our cooperation, we were able to inform the Parties to the Montreal Protocol of the process of the review of the draft standard to enable national coordination in commenting on the draft through the national plant protection organizations. Information on progress would be much appreciated as we would like to be able to report on the progress to our Parties in July at the Open-ended Working Group.

May I wish you a successful meeting and I look forward to our continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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